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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Larry L. Hood

Examiner: David M. Ruddy

Application No.: 09/819,561

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
MODIFICATIONS OF VISUAL
ACUITY BY THERMAL MEANS

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2003, please amend the above-entitled application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 32, 36, 40 and 44 as follows:

1. (Amended) A medical system that can denature a cornea, comprising:
an energy device that can direct energy to a focal point within the cornea at a power
level to denature corneal tissue without removing corneal tissue; and,
a movement device that moves the focal point of the energy.